

EDGAR

West Virginia Times.

\$1.00 A Year

Virginia, October 16 1913

FOREST FIRES

More than \$5,000,000.00 of forest products were destroyed in West Virginia during the year 1908 by forest fires. To prevent this destruction the legislature of 1908 enacted a law:

It is now unlawful—for any person to build a fire, or use an abandoned fire, in a field, public or private road, or adjacent to, or in any woods or forests of this state, unless such fire is totally extinguished before leaving same.

To negligently set on fire any fields, woods or lands in this State, so as to thereby occasion loss, damage or injury to an other person, the fine is not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00, and in the discretion of the court giving same a jail sentence may be imposed not to exceed one year.

To unlawfully and maliciously set fire to any woods, fields, grass, straw or other thing capable of spreading fire on lands, the fine is not to exceed \$100.00, and a jail sentence of not less than two nor more than twelve months; and any person injured thereby, or in consequence thereof, may recover double the amount of damages sustained.

To willfully set on fire any woods, fields or lands within this State, not his own, with to thereby occasion damage or injury to any other person, constitutes a felony, punishable by confinement in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than five years.

Billing Companies.—The law requires all billing companies to require all billinables, material from their right-of-way, to provide all billinables with nothing of steel or iron wire to prevent the escape of sparks and the from the smoke stacks, and appropriate devices to prevent the escape of the flammable gases and fumes.

CAPT. A. M. EDGAR

It is said in God's Word of the righteous that "thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a sheaf of grain cometh in its season." In this there is of course the idea of ripeness, or fitness, and of home-bringing. How appropriate is this thought today when we gather about all that remains of the earthly tabernacle of this father, husband and friend. The years have been rounded out to him and the ripening being completed, it is most fitting that he should be taken into the garner of God. And thus comes in his infinite wisdom and takes his servant as the husbandman comes at harvest time, takes the sheaf and places it in the storehouse. We are not here; then today to stand aghast at the strangeness of God's providence but to pay tribute to the richness of his mercy in filling up the measure of the days of our friend. All the processes of growth and maturity are complete and God blesses him by taking him into the heavenly garner near ripened sheaf. It seems to me that the sentiment which the poet Tennyson expressed with reference to his own death is the appropriate one on an occasion like this:

"Sunset and evening bell,
And after that the dark,
And may there be no meetings of
farewell.
When I embark;
For though from out one home of
thine and span
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

Allied M. Edgar was born July 11, 1863, in the home occupied by his ancestors several generations before him at Edgarsville, Greenbrier County. His parents were Asaph Edgar and his wife Nancy

and stock raiser. To this union were born five children, all surviving—Mrs. F. R. Hill, of Marlinton; Mrs. Al. W. McNeal, of Academia; A. P. Edgar, Esq., of Marlinton; and Mr. George and Miss Rachel Edgar, at home.

Capt. Edgar's eminent traits were his meekness of spirit and his unshaken faith in his fellowman. He was modest to a fault and his own natural modesty was nurtured by the habit he had of always exalting others above himself. I never knew him to speak even critically of any one. Whatever faults he may have seen in his fellowman were always cast into the background of shade as the sunlight of his praise fell upon their virtues. Peace he loved and peace the world, lived at almost any cost. After knowing him, it always impressed me that his nature was in strange contrast to the popular notion of the ideal soldier. That so quiet, modest, peace-loving a man should have won the record for bravery and daring that remains to his credit as a soldier upsets many of our favorite ideas, but yet it is in keeping with the true psychology of bravery. Not the blustering braggart but the quiet, sturdy, faithful soul makes the bravest and most dependable soldier. These traits were the secret of his long and honorably service as a soldier as they were the key-note of his after life.

I need not speak of his life as a neighbour, friend, and citizen. It is so well known that nothing I could say would add anything to the sum of it. Since his illness and the inevitably issuing of it his name however there has been heard only universal regret that such a man would soon be taken from among us. His had been in the failing health for a long time and bravely, even heroically, faced

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Be Careful with Fire—Be care
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out fires. The time to control a
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dangerous element in nature.

All citizens in West Virginia
should join in a crusade to leg-
islate an element of destruction to our
forests. Any assistance or help
you can give to prevent or stop
these fires, or any information as
regards the violation of this statute will be
greatly appreciated. Write or wire
J. A. Vining, Forest, Wayne and Rich
Wardens, Hinton, W. Va.

HACH

Nowing from the center of
the rock.

Mr. Dennis' Company and
daughter, of Marion, were guests
of Mr. J. H. Stone, Woodbury
and Friends.

Rev. Kamm has had a very
interesting vacation at Miss Da
p's.

Elmer Hough, who was re
cently lost over the ocean
will be much relieved.

Richard Lamm of M.L.

When I have crossed the bar."

Alfred M. Edgar was born July
11, 1837 in the home occupied by
his ancestors several generations
before him at Edgar's Mill, Green
brier County. His parents were
Archie Edgar and his wife Nancy
who was a Miss Paris. He attended
the school in Lewisburg
furnished and conducted by
Dr. McElheney. On reaching
maturity he remained in his father's
farm until the outbreak of the
Civil War when he enlisted in
May 1861 in Company K, 27th
Regiment. His Regiment after
ward was attached to the com
mand which became known under
the name of the "Stonewall" Briga
de. He was a brave and faithful
soldier and enthusiastically follow
ed the fortunes of that celebrated
Brigade in the brilliant campaigns
of their incomparable leader,
"Stonewall" Jackson, in the forced
marches, the rapid marching move
ments and the bold charges that
were characteristic of his general
ship. He was wounded in the
battle of Fort Republic on the 8th
of June, 1863 and in addition to
that wound, he carried with him
to his grave evidences of the rapid
marches made by Jackson's "hot
cavalry."

Mr. Edgar passed through the
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captain of his company. He was
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in which the "Stonewall" Brigade
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Wilderness. During those days
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assed forces of Lee until the
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the "Bloody Angle," as it is called
by the soldiers of the South, and
the "Sallient," as it is called by the
historians of the war. The Stone
wall Brigade, veterans of Freder
icksburg, Chancellorsville and
Antietam, were defendants of the
Sallient, and against them Grant
brought division after division,
Burnside's corps in irresistible
numbers sword before the defense
of the Confederacy within the
"Bloody Angle" and captured
from thousands and Lee's
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Among the innum
erous prisoners taken was Capt.
Edgar. This was on May, 12,
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and remained there until the
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lining health for a long time and
bravely, even hopefully, fought
against the inevitable. He made a
profession of religion in 1861
about the time he entered the
army, but did not unite with the
church until later. During 38
years he had lived in this com
munity he had not missed, Comm
union services until his last ill
ness.

During his long illness I visited
him frequently and never saw any
one more appreciative of, or more
grateful for spiritual help and
counsel. He was outspoken in his
declaration of faith in his Redeem
er. He was too well grounded in
the principles of our religion to
doubt the Savior's mercy or capa
city to save all who put their trust
in him and he knew that he trust
ed Him, yet it was hard for him
to over come his natural modesty
and reserve and declare his abso
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"In a little wrath I hid my face
from thee for a moment, but with
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J. C. JENKINS.

RAVAGER CREEK

Right pretty weather after a
few days of rain.

As J. Cook has finished his
camp in the hollow above Wesley
Underwood's, and is doing big
work.

Died, to Harrison Underwood
and wife, October 6, a boy.

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J. A. VINEYARD,
Forest, Game and Fish Warden,
Belington, W. Va.

MACE

Shucking corn is the order of
the week.

Mrs. Jennie Commiss and
daughter, of Mingo, were guests
of Mrs. J. S. Mace, Wednesday
and Thursday.

Rev. R. A. Mace preached a very
interesting sermon at Mace Chur-
ch Sunday.

Benson Hamrick, who was se-
riously ill last week, has gotten
able to teach school.

Harland Gibson of Elk made a
flying trip to Mars Sunday.

A nice drove of cattle passed
through here last week.

Misses Maggie and Minnie
Wood of this place, are visiting
their sister, Mrs. H. T. Painter,
at Linwood.

R. J. Baar is making J. T.
Baar a fine cellar.

Mr. Butcher, wife and three
children and Mr. Ware and wife
were upset from their automobile
on Sunday, and one of Mr.
Butcher's children was killed and
Mr. Ware will probably die.

Bruce Wood who has been work-
ing at Denmar, was at home a
few days last week but has re-
turned to his work again.

Comfort and economy make happy
homes. You get both by using Cedar
Milk Glass.

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and resolute minister his and into assurance of salvation. But we know that God does not make our assurance of salvation the test of our acceptance with Him. So far as human frailty is able to judge the evidences of his faith was unmistakable. We therefore sorrow not today as those who have no hope. His pastor will miss the presence that when he was well was scarcely ever absent from church. The family will miss the quiet unassuming spirit that guided them so long with his quiet counsel. The community will miss one who was always ready and willing in lend a helping hand to all in need. Many hearts will go out in sympathy for those most deeply concerned in his death.

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few days before a log pinned him
to the ground and held him until
his brother and two other men
took the log off. He did not seem
to be hurt much.

Bern Cutlip made a flying trip
to Clarksburg the other day.

Elihu Taylor and Floyd Nichol-
as have about finished their job
for Ed Whiting.

David Dean finished harvesting
the day it snowed.

Wesley Underwood has finished
his job of logging.

Joe Bush has returned from a
two weeks stay in Pennsylvania.

R. L. Symmes is at Seabert hus-
king his corn, raised on his brother's place. He reports a fine crop.

Rev. Howard Underwood has
been up the river holding a pro-
tracted meeting. He reports several confessions.

Dated July 2, 1822

THOMAS EDGAR

Recorded in Will Book 1, Page 525

WILL

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Edgar of the County of Greenbrier & State of Virginia, being weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner following Viz.

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann Edgar, the amount for which my negro girl Amy may be sold by my Executors as hereinafter directed also one horse & two cows such as she may choose from among my Stock also all my household & kitchen furniture except such as may be hereinafter otherwise disposed of also One Hundred dollars in Cash to be paid my Executors to her & her heirs forever, also to her during her natural life the one third of the plantation whereon I now reside.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Nancy the amount for which my negro girl Lucy may be sold by my Executors as hereinafter directed, also a bureau, a looking glass & dressing table at this time called in her name in the family--also a good Center bed & furniture also one Horse worth ninety dollars, or in lieu of him a Two year old Horse Colt whichever she may choose--also a cow, also Eight Hundred Dollars to be paid by my Executors hereinafter named.

Thirdly To my Grand Daughter Ann Eliza Walkup I give and bequeath the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars to be by my Executors kept at interest and applied from time to time to her education & maintenance she shall choose a Husband, intermarry or arrive at a suitable age. but if she be Walkup of Rockbridge County

(who I do hereby request to do so) will qualify as the Guardian
of the said Ann Eliza, then and in that case I desire that my
Executors immediately pay the same over to him to be held by him
for the purpose aforesaid. The balance of said Twelve Hundred
Dollars which may be unexpended on the said Ann Eliza's inter marriage
or arrival at the age of 21 years shall be paid over to her to remain
hers and her heirs forever. But in case the said Ann Eliza should
die before her intermarriage or arrival at 21 years of age without
leaving lawful issue of her body then and in that event I give and
bequeath the balance that may remain unexpended at the time of her
death to all my children to be equally divided between them.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my son Thomas the amount
for which my Negro Man Bob & my negro Girl Matilda may be sold by
my Executors as hereinafter directed.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my son Archer the amount
for which my two negro Boys Bonaparte & Adison may be sold by my
Executors as hereinafter directed, also a Good feather bed &
furniture.

Sixthly, My Negro man Cesar having been a very useful
servant to me and very Pleasant & obedient to my Family--I do hereby
direct that at the expiration of four years from the time of my
death that he be emancipated & freed. The four years for which he
is to serve he shall be hired out by my Executors & the hires paid
to my wife & my son Archer.

Seventhly all the residue of my estate both real and
personal after the payment of all my debts, funeral expenses & the
aforesaid legacies, I give and bequeath to my two sons Thomas and
Archer, to be divided between them in such a manner that Archer
shall receive Seventeen Hundred Dollars & more in value than
Thomas.

Rightly I do hereby authorize and direct my Executors to make sale of all my slaves (except Caesar) and that they pay the amounts thereof to the person to whom devised.

My three daughters, Elizabeth, Letitia and Sally, having already received from me that portion of my estate which I designed them I hope they will be satisfied with what I have done for them heretofore and that they will consider that I could not in Justice to my other children do more for them.

And lastly--I do hereby constitute and appoint my soninlaw James Withrow and my two sons Thomas and Archer Executors of this my Last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I have hereto set my Hand & affixed my seal this 2nd day of July in the year 1822.

Thos. Edgar

(SEAL)

Signed sealed and delivered
as the Last Will & Testament of the above
named Thomas Edgar by him in our presence: C. J. S. -
Marin Moore

John A. North

John McElheney

Greenbrier County Court

July Term 1822

This instrument of writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Edgar, decd. was presented in Court & proved by the oaths of John A. North & John McElheney two of the subscribing witnesses thereto to have been duly Executed and acknowledged by the said Thomas Edgar, decd. on and for his Last Will and Testament which is ordered to be recorded--And thereupon Thomas Edgar &

Archer Edgar, two of the Executors therein named appeared in Court together with A James Witherow the other Executor therein named who refusing to take upon himself the Execution of the said will the said Thomas Edgar & Archer Edgar took the oath prescribed by law and entered into bond with James Witherow and William Morrow their securities in the penalty of Eight Thousand Dollars conditioned as the law direct. Therefore probate and letters Testamentary is granted to the said Thomas Edgar and Archer Edgar as the acting Executors of the said Last will & testament of Thomas Edgar Deed. in due form of Law. We witness it, in blessed God to

Teste: Lewis Stuart C.G.C.

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THE 'BY' CASE OF BONES.

Five Million Dollars. Item I.

Johnson County, S. S. - 1900 - 57

WEST VIRGINIA, Greenbrier County, S.S.: Name of family

I, Paul C. Horsett, Clerk of the County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the will of Thomas Edgar, deceased, as is found of record in my said Office in Will Book 1,

Given under my hand this the 17th day of August, 1937.

Paul C. Kinscott
Clerk, Greenbrier County Court

In ye. Name of God Amen ye. Ninth Day of October in ye. year of
our Lord 1765 I George Egar of Bedford County being very sick & Weak
in Body but of Perfect mind & Memory, Thanks be given unto God, there-
fore Calling unto Mind ye. Mortality of my Body & Knowing yt. it is
Appointed for all men once to Dye do make & Ordain this my Laet Will
& Testament yt. is to Say Princypally, & first of all I give & Recommend
my Soul unto the Hanos of God that gave it & for my Body I Recommend
it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian Like & Deseant Manner at
the Descretion of my Exrs. Nothing Doubting but at the General
Resurrection I shal Receive the same again by the Mighty power of God,
& as Touching Such Worldly astate Wherewith it hath pleased God to
Bless me in this Life I give & Devise & Diepose of the Same in ye.
Following Manner and form, Item I give and Bequeath unto Elizabeth my
Dearely Beloved Wife Sufficient Maintainance Dureing her Natural Life
time of the plantation whereon I now Live together with a Childs part
in my movable Estate as also one Gray Mare Known by the name of Boney.
Item I Leave to my Sone John Egar five Shillings Starling. Itam I
Leave to my Daughter Jenet Egar one Mare known by the name of fanix
and one Cow Known by the name of White face. Item I Leave to my
Daughter Agness Egar Alious McDavid five Shilling Starling Itam I give
to my Son James Egar one White Horse Known by the Name of Ranter as
also my plantation whereon I now Live to be Equally Divided Between the
said James Egar and my Son George Egar. Itam I Leave & Bequath to my
Daughter Mary and my son Thoman Egar the Remaining part of my Movebles
estate to be Equally Divided beween them After my Just Debts and Funerall
Charges provided the same shall not amount abovo Ten pounds to Each of
them and if the same Should Amount to more the over plush is to be
paid to my Son George Egar by my Son James Egar Whome I Likewise
Constitute make and Ordain my only & Sole Executor of this my Last

Will & Testament the same Legiticys are to be paid by my Executor in
Horses & Cattle at a Reasonable Rates, Signed Sealed, Published pro-
nounced and Declaired by the Said, as his Last will and Testament in
presents of us the Subscribers Viz:

George his Eger (LS)
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William Rutherford John

Bryan, Robert Dougless

At a Court held for Bedford County October 22d, 1765.

The within Last Will & Testament of Geroge Eger Deceased was Exhibited
in Court by James Egar Executor therein Named & proved by the Oaths
of John Bryan & Robert Doughlass Witnesses thereto Subscribed and
Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of the sd. James Egar Who
made Oath According to Law Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining a
probate Thereof in Due form of Law he having first Entered into bond
with Security & Acknowledged the same for his due & Faithfull Execution
of the said Last Will & Testament According to Law

Teste

Ben Howard C B C

A Copy Teste:

(signed) V. W. Nichols Clerk
of the Circuit Court of the County of
Bedford County, Virginia

FAMILY RECORDS IN THE EDGAR BIBLE

MARRIAGES

Thomas Edgar and Ann Mathews were married the 21st day of March, 1783.

Archer M. Edgar and Nancy H. Pearis were married the 25 day of January, 1832.

Lewis S. Creigh and Lizzie A. Edgar were married January 4th, 1860 by Rev. John McElhany, D. D.

BIRTHS

Thomas Edgar was born 27th Sept. 1750.

Ann Mathews now Ann Edgar was born the 10th day of Oct. 1765

Elizabeth Edgar was born the 8th day of July 1786

Letitia Edgar was born the 24th July 1788

Sarah Edgar was born the 4th Oct. 1790

Mary Edgar was born the 11th July 1792

Lewis Edgar was born the 1st day of Jan. 1795

Thos. Edgar was born the 29th day of Aug. 1797

Archer M. Edgar was born the 2nd day of July (?) 1799

Ann M. Edgar was born the 31st day of March 1803

Henry Clay Edgar was born the 3rd day of December 1832

Elizabeth Ann Edgar was born the 17th day of November 1834

Alfred M. Edgar was born July 10th, 1837

Caroline P. Edgar was born the 17th of December 1839

Thomas Edgar was born the 30 of March 1842

Emilia Edgar was born (?) of May 1847

DEATHS

Lewis Edgar died the 19th Aug. 1798

Mary Edgar now Walkup died the 18th July 1810 (1810?)

Letitia Edgar now withrow died the 10th June 1834

Deaths - Continued

Thomas Edgar Jun. died the 28th of March 1842

Eliza Edgar died in Gainesville Alabama on the 21st
June 1865

Thomas Edgar, Son. died 15th July 1822

Nancy Edgar died 21 Novem. 1852

Henry Clay Edgar died the 20th of October 1833

Archer M. Edgar died the 10th October 1863
in the 64th year of his age

Nancy H. Edgar died the 24th September 1864 in
52nd year of her age

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The following are listed on a slip of paper found in the

Delia Dangerfield Edgar died Dec. 18 1870 in the
24th year of her age.

Lancy H. Edgar died the 24th September 1884 in
52nd year of her age

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Delia Dangerfield Edgar died Dec. 18 1870 in the
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death.

Eliza Ann Creigh died Sept 10th 1897 in the 63rd year
of her age

Thomas Howe Edgar died Feb. 25th 1904 in the 62nd year
of his age.

Bible published 1811 by Mathew Carey, 122 Market St., Philadelphia

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1870
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Memory, Th
Body & Kno
Last Will
My Soul w
to be Bur
Nothing

more calling unto Mind ye. Mortality of my Body & the
Appointed for all men once to Dye do make & ordian this
& Testament yt. is to say Princypally, & first of all I
my Soul unto the Hands of God that gave it &
it to the Earth to be Buried.

the Desires

- 1 Anne Edgar
- 2 Robert Fitzhugh
- 3 Robert Edgar
m - June 20. 1916
- 4 Miss Hoole
- 5 Mrs Edgar
m - June 27 - 1789
- 6 Pamela Ewing
- 7 General Edgar
- 8 Ernest Edgar
- 9 Miss Breddow

- 1 Henry Roberson
2. John Roberson [twins]
3. John Roberson
4. James Roberson
5. James Roberson
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Grandchildren of
John & Peggy Edgar

Les Edgar
Lewis Edgar
Russell Edgar
James McDavid Edgar
Sidney Poland Edgar
James McHenry

- 1 James McSavitt
2. Mary McSavitt
3. Alida McSavitt

These Grandchildren mentioned

2 Dennis Edgar
3 m
4 Miss Breedlove

- 1 Henry Robinson (twins)
- 2 John Robinson
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- 4 James Johnson
- 5 Ann Johnson
- 6 Thomas Johnson
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Janet Edgar b. 1759
m
John Johnson

Agnes Edgar
m
James McDavitt

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m
Ann Reed

Mrs. Edgar no record

1 Thomas Edgar b. 2/26 1780
m 1784
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m
James Johnson
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m
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m
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m
Elizabeth Huddard
7 Dennis Edgar b. 3/3 1793
m
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m
Martha Grey Compton

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3 Mary (Polly) Edgar b. 1/28 - 1773
m
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To Mrs. Elizabeth McDowell

In ye. Name of God Amen ye. Ninth Day of October in ye. year of
our Lord 1765 I George Egar of Bedford County being very sick & Weak
in Body but of Perfect mind & Memory, Thanks be given unto God, there-
fore Calling unto Mind ye. Mortality of my Body & Knowing It. it is
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& Testament yt. is to Say Principally, & first of all I give & Recommend
my Soul unto the Hands of God that gave it & for my Body I Recommend
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the Descretion of my Exrs. Nothing Doubting but at the General
Resurrection I shal Receive the same again by the Mighty power of God,
& as Touching Such Worldly estate Wherewith it hath pleased God to
Bless me in this Life I give & Devise & Dispose of the same in ye.
Following Manner and form, Item I give and Bequeath unto Elizabeth my
Dearly Beloved Wife Suffioant Maintenance Dureing her Natural Life
time of the plantation whereon I now Live together with a Childs part
in my movable Estate as also one Gray Mare Known by the name of Boney.
Item I Leave to my Son John Egar five Shillings Starling. Itam I
Leave to my Daughter Jenet Egar one Mare known by the name of fanix
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to my Son James Egar one White Horse Known by the Name of Ranter as
also my plantation whereon I now Live to be Equally Divided Between the
said James Egar and my Son George Egar. Item I Leave & Bequath to my
Daughter Mary and my son Thomas Egar the Remaining part of my Movebles
Estate to be Equally Divided between them After my Just Debts and Funeral
Charges provided the same shall not amount above Ten pounds to Each of
them and if the same Should Amount to more the over plush is to be
paid to my Son George Egar by my Son James Egar Whome I Likewise
Constitute make and Ordain my only & Sole Executor of this my Last

In yr. Name or ~

will & Testament the same Legitioys are to be paid by my Executor in
Horses & Cattle at a Reasonable Rates, Signed Sealed, Published pro-
nounced and Declared by the Said, as his Last will and Testament in
presence of us the Subscribers Viz:

hie
George Eger (LS)
mark

William Rutherford John

Bryan, Robert Douglaes

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Teste

Ben Howard C B C

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(signed)

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of the Circuit Court of the County
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Will Book A

Page 25.

In the name of God, Amen, I, Michael Harness of the south branch manor in the County of Hampshire, State of V; being of good health at present & considering the uncertainty of human life & and that it is necessary for all persons while they have happiness to enjoy their senses & memory perfect, to settle and dispose their affairs in such manner & may prevent lawsuits after their death amongst friend & relatives. I therefor to prevent the same as much as possible in my own family, do dispose my estate in manner following viz: -

Item - I recommend my body after my death to earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent manner & my soul unto my Heavenly father and it is my desire that all my funeral expenses and other lawful debts to be paid as soon as convenient as can be done after my decease

Item - I join & devise unto my beloved wife Elizabeth one third part of my plantation _____ & tenements or yards and all belonging to it, during her life as also two slaves, one negro man, named Mammel, and one wench named Rachel, to labor for her during her life, and if said wench should bear any children, the half to be my wife's own for her & her heirs forever and after her decease the above named Mammel & Rachel and their increase as above, to be returned to my son, Jacob Harness, to be his own & heirs forever, and I give to my beloved wife one third of all my other effects & moveables & also one third in moneys left by me to be her own forever -

Item - I give & devise to my youngest son, Jacob Harness, my plantation, dwelling house, barns, orchard and all of husbandry and all household furniture (my wife's part excepted) the living stock & also all my slaves except one Peter, in short he is to have everything left by me on the plantation & this is for the good cause & reason, that I have furnished & supplied my eldest son with lands & other necessaries before in forever times, all to be his without molestation forever -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son John Harness one equal part of the moneys left by me for him & his heirs forever & no more -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son George Harness one equal part in moneys left by me for him & his heirs forever & no more -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son Peter Harness, one negro named Will & also
one equal part in my moneys to be his & his heirs forever & no mors -

Item - I give & bequeath to my grandson, Michall Harnees, & his sister Eliz.
Robinson, one equal share of moneys left by me to be divided among them.

Item - I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Eliz. Yoakum & Barbara See &
likewise Dorothy Hornbeck & Margeretha Hornbeck likewise each one of them to have
equal part in moneys left by me to be theirs & their heirs forever & no more -

And lastly I hereby appoint my son John Harness & my soninlaw Samuil Hornbeck
sole executors of my last will & testament. I hereby revoks & make void all other
wills.

In witness thereof I set my hand & seal this ____ day 1774.

Michael Harness

In witness thereof

Anthony Baker, Joseph Petty, Jacob Yoakum

John Beard's Will

John Beard's Will - Dated May 11, 1808 - (Will Bk #1 - P 239 - Greenbrier Co (W.) Va -

Lewisburg -

In the name of God Amen - I John Beard being sick in body but of Sound mind & memory, etc. My last will & testament in the following manner:

First I commit my soul to God, my Saviour & Redeemer - My body to be buried at the discretion of my executors hers in after named -

My temporal estate with all my lawful debts to be first discharged -

The legacies left to my daughters, Agnes Sabina & Betsy by their Aunt Elizabeth be also discharged.

Item to my beloved wife Janett my negro man Jingo, two working horses, two cows, to be at her disposal during her widowhood - the third of our plantation we now live on - the wagons & farming tools for her use on the farm -

Item - I bequeath to my son Wm Ryneok the plantation we now live on.

Item - I bequeath to my daughter Jane, Sabina, Mary & Betsy to each \$100.00 worth of property (in Greenbrier Co., W. Va. near Ryneck's Valley)

Item - I bequeath to my son Josiah when he comes of age "The Locust Plantation" & the mills thereon (This is 7 miles south of Hillsboro, W. Va. in Pocahontas Co., W. Va.)

Item - I bequeath the rents from Locust plantation & Mills till Josiah comes of age the moneys arising from the sale of the place on Dry Creek also my part of the land place to be equally divided among my daughters.

I also hereby constitute & appoint Samuel Beard & Thomas Beard Jr., Thomas Beard Sr. my brother executors of this my last will & testament.

Signed, sealed & delivered by John Beard as his last will & testament in presence of

Robert Stevens, David Parks, Adam Stanlaugh

Seal. John Beard

Dear Mr. C. C. Brewster

Dec 8. 42

Please convey my regards to your family. I
have, B. B. - Also older
of each of your Brothers -
As well as Alice &

George and Rachel family
get health & Dot to do this
and then mail me back
this C. B. - So I can
complete record of
(over)

"In yo. Name of God Aron yo. I bath Day of Octo

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IN ACCOUNT WITH

ALFRED E. CREIGH, JR.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

These were done hurriedly
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also have to be added

Edgar Family: In America

(1) George Edgar and Elizabeth Rutherford
of Bedford County, Virginia.

(1) John Edgar, (See pg ____)
(2) Janet Edgar, born 1739 (See pg ____)
(3) Agnes Edgar, (See pg ____)
(4) George Edgar, (No record, closed)
(5) James Edgar (See pg ____)
(6) Mary Edgar (No record, closed)
(7) Thomas Edgar, born 1730 (See pg ____)

The
Ancestor)

George Edgar is presumed to be the 1st
Colonist and Founder of the Family. He is found
residing at Bedford Falls, Virginia. In 1765 he executed
his will and died in August of 1765. His will is filed
October 22, 1765 - Book "A" page 25, as follows:

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Testament yt. is to Say I thinke pally, & first of
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PG. 1. John Edgar and Rosey Edgar
were married in Bedford Co., Va.

- (1) Anne Edgar (married Robt. Fitzhugh) closed
- (2) Edgar (married Robt. Jamison) closed
- (3) John Edgar (See page ____)
- (4) Wm. Edgar (See page ____)
- (5) Zachory Edgar (Closed)
- (6) James Edgar (See pg.)

PG. 2. Janet Edgar and John Robinson

- (1) Henry Robinson } twine (Closed)
- (2) John Robinson } twine (Closed)
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- (5) Ann Rutherford Robinson (Closed)
- (6) Thorpe Edgar Robinson (Closed)
- (7) Jeno Robinson (Closed)
- (8) Wm. Robinson (Closed)

PG. 3. Agnes Edgar and James McAvitt

- (1) James McAvitt, Jr. (married Ann Reed) (Closed)

PG. 4. George Edgar (No record closed)

PG. 5. James Edgar and Elizabeth Mason

1st Marriage

- (1) George Edgar - b. Nov. 27, 1767
- (2) John Edgar - b. Aug. 3, 1770
- (3) Mary Polly Edgar b. Jan 13, 1773
- (4) Nancy Edgar - b. Feb 19, 1776
- (5) Sarah Edgar - b. Jan 27, 1778

Elizabeth Mason Edgar died 1778

PG. 6. James Edgar and Phoebe Wright
of Bedford, Va.

2nd Marriage

- (1) Thomas Edgar b. - May 8, 1780
- (2) Elizabeth Edgar - b. Sept 26, 1782
- (3) Judith Edgar b. - Mar. 30, 1784
- (4) Jane Edgar, b. - July 8, 1786
- (5) x. Edgar, b. - Jan 1, 1790 (See page ____)
- (6) Jessie Edgar b. Dec 26, 1793
- (7) Henry Edgar b. Sept 8, 1795

PG. 4. Caroline Pearis Edgar and George Perry
were married

- (1) Rodney Perry
- (2) Birdie Perry

PG. 5. Thomas Howe Edgar (Bachelor)

Lived at Falling Springs, Greenbrier
and died Feb. 25, 1904 - 62 yrs.

PG. 6. Mary Edgar and _____ Walkup

Mary Edgar Walkup died July 12, 1810.

PG. 7. Thomas Edgar and Ann Mathews - b Oct 10 1765
were married March 21 1783

- (1) Elizabeth Edgar - born 7/8/1786
- (2) Letitia Edgar - born 7/24/1788
- (3) Serah R. Edgar - born 10/4/1790
- (4) Lewie Edgar - born Jan 1795 d-1796
- (5) Thomas Edgar - born 8/29/1797 (See pg ____)
- (6) Archer Edgar - born 7/3/1799 (See pg ____)
- (7) Anne Edgar - born 3/31/1803 (Cleaed)

Thomas Edgar died at Edgar's Mill, Va. July 15, 1822,
buried back of Old Stone Church, Lewisburg, W.Va.
Nancy Matthews Edgar died at Edgar's Mill, Va. Nov. 21, 1852.
died in 88th year (stone date worn off) buried behind
Old Stone Church- Lewisburg, W.Va.

Thomas Edgar, as young boy of about 15 yrs. of age,
came to Western Va. with a surveying party in 1764-65.
Later obtaining a grant from the Gov. of Va. for lands
(at Ronceverte, W.Va) on the Greenbrier) at which place
he established a homestead and there reared his children
with Ann Matthews. His son, Archer came into possession
of the old Home place at Ronceverte, W.Va. (Edgar's Mill)
and maintained the Edgar Home until Archer Edgar's death
in 1863.

5. 1. Elizabeth Edgar (dau. of Thos. & Ann Matthews) Edgar.
died at Gainsville, Alabama, June 21, 1865
2. Letitia Edgar (dau. of Thos. & Ann Matthews)
married John Withrow and June 10, 1834.
3. Sarah Edgar - (dau. of Thos. & Ann M. Edgar)
Born Oct. 4, 1790 died on old maid on Oct. 1, 1847
and is buried back of Old Stone Church at Lewisburg, W.Va.
4. Thomas Edgar and

Thos. Edgar reared a family at Union, Monroe Co., W.Va.
and died March 28, 1842.

PG. 6. Archer N. Edgar and Nancy H. Pearis
were married, Jan 25, 1832

Capt.

- (1) Henry Clay Edgar -b. Dec 3 1832 d. Oct. 20, 1883
- (2) Elizabeth Ann Edgar b. Nov. 17, 1834 (see PG. ____)
- (3) Alfred N. Edgar -born July 10, 1837 (See PG. ____)
- (4) Caroline P. Edgar -born Dec. 30, 1839 (See PG. ____)
- (5) Thomas Howe Edgar -born Mar. 30 1843 (See PG. ____)
- (6) Delia Dangerfield Edgar -born May 1846
and died in 24th yr. of age -fever at
Edgar's Mill, Dec. 18, 1870.
(A small dau. Ardelia born 1847 died in
infancy).

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Mill, Va. Oct. 10, 1863. in 64th year.
Nancy H. Pearis Edgar died at Ronceverte (Edgar's
Mill, Va. Sept. 24, 1864 in 53rd yr. Both are buried
back of Old Stone Church, Lewisburg.

PG. 2. Elizabeth Ann Edgar and Lewis Stuart Creigh
were married Jan. 4, 1860, Rev. John McElhonny at
Lewisburg, Va.

- (1) Alfred Edgar Creigh, born April 13, 1863,
died Feb. 26, 1931

Alfred E. Creigh married Mary Botts, June 20, 1889
See page ____ (11 children)

Elizabeth A. Creigh died September 10, 1897

PG. 3. Alfred N. Edgar and Lydia McNeil

- (1) Delia Howe Edgar
- (2) Elizabeth (Bessie) Edgar
- (3) Allen Ponick Edgar
- (4) George Edgar
- (5) Rochol Edgar

Alfred N. Edgar, Capt. of Co "B" "Stonewall
Brigade" of ARY of Northern Virginia, 1861-65.
wounded at Chancellorsville, Va. Captured and
imprisoned at Paris Island, during last year
of war. After the war established his home in
the Little Levels, Hillsboro, W. Va.

PG. — 3. John Edgar Jr. and Sidney Poland

- (1) George Edgar (closed)
- (2) Lewis Edgar (closed)
- (3) Russell Edgar (closed)
- (4) James McDavitt Edgar (closed)
- (5) Sidney Poland Edgar - married James McHenry (Closed)

FAMILY RECORDS IN THE EDGAR BIBLE

Marriages

Thomas Edgar and Ann Mathews were married the 21st day of March, 1783.

Archer M. Edgar and Nancy K. Pearis were married the 26th day of January, 1832.

Lewis S. Croigh and Lizzie A. Edgar were married January 4th, 1860, by Rev. John McElhany, D.D.

Births

Thomas Edgar was born 27th Sept. 1750

Ann Mathews, now Ann Edgar, was born the 10th day of Oct. 1763.

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Deaths

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The following are listed on a slip of paper found in the title.

ACCOUNT WITH
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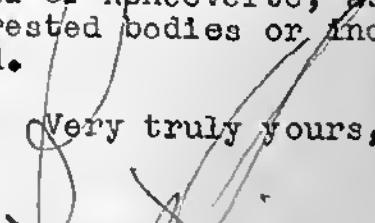
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8/3/1937

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Sincerely,



W. C. M. 1863
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Society of America

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Kushville, Ill., June 9th, 1864

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Our oldest Son is a Lieut. in Co. I, 119th Regiment of Ill. Vol. (Edwin M. Anderson). We have just heard that he was wounded in a battle on the Red River about 16 miles from its mouth (the wound was slight). Your letter gave us the first intimation that we had near and dear friends on both sides of the bloody contest and it may be that the Soldier of to-day may be the Prisoner of to-morrow.

Hoping that this war may be brought to a speedy close and that friends may be again united all enmities reconciled. All the family desire to be affectionately remembered to You. We were very sorry to hear of the death of your dear Father. Your letter was the first intimation from friends in Va. for more than three years.

Vy Affectionately yours

James L. Anderson

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THE EDGAR FAMILY

Captain Thomas Edgar was born in Bedford county, Virginia, in the year 1754. His father was George Edgar and his mother Elizabeth Edgar. At maturity he entered Washington's Army and rose to the rank of Captain. He was with Washington at Yorktown when Lord Cornwallis surrendered his British forces. About the close of the Revolution he married Ann Mathews. He moved to Lewisburg by 1780, where he kept an "ordinary" until 1791. He bought the old Edgar Homestead at Edgar's Mills, where Ronceverte now stands. Dyer's Index shows that the following grants were made to Thomas Edgar: four hundred acres, Rich Creek, in 1785; two hundred seventy acres, Rich Creek, in 1785; one hundred forty-two acres, Burns Creek, in 1797; eighty-three acres, Spring Creek, in 1809; nine hundred thirty acres adjoining Holesapple in 1801. These grants were made in Greenbrier County. There was also a grant of nine thousand three hundred thirty acres on the Kanawha River in Montgomery county in 1797.

"At Court of Quarter Session Begun and Held for the County of Greenbrier August 27, 1784, Thomas Edgar comes into this court and resigns his office of surveyor of the county -" (Record Book of Greenbrier County)

Thomas Edgar had been appointed to this office by the president and professors of the College of William and Mary and was the first surveyor of Greenbrier county. He did, under an act of the Legislature of Virginia, survey a forty-acre square for a town out of the heart of the Savannah to be called Lewisburg. The square was divided into half-acre lots and sold.

He was a trustee of Libert Hall Academy, afterwards Washington College, now Washington and Lee University, in 1784. He was Deputy Sheriff under William Renick, then High Sheriff.

In the session of the Assembly of Virginia, begun October 18 and ending December 29, 1790, Thomas Edgar was a member from Greenbrier County.

He died in the year 1822 and was buried at the Old Stone Church. His wife died in 1852 at Mill Point and was buried beside her husband.

Archer Matthews Edgar, son of Thomas, married Nancy H. Morris in Giles county Virginia on January 25, 1832.

Alfred Mallory Edgar was born at Edgar's Mills July 10, 1837. He attended the public school near his home until he was about 12 years old, when he entered the school at Lewisburg, where he studied for 2 or 3 years. When he was about fifteen his father sent him to some preparatory school in the lower Shenandoah Valley, but he remained there only one year and was never in school again.

At the age of 24 he entered the Confederate Army. His company, formed at Lewisburg and known as Captain Frye's Company, was sent directly to the vicinity of Harper's Ferry, where it became a part of Jackson's "Stonewall Brigade" - Company "E", 27th Virginia Infantry.

He was in the following battles: 1st Manassas, Fort

in public, Antietam, 2nd Manassas, McDowell, Fredericksburg,

Seven Days, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and the Wilder-
ness. He was wounded at the battle of Fort Republic,
June 8, 1862, by a grape shot. The wound was in his left
shoulder and was not serious - till he complained of it in
old age. He was captured after the Battle of the Wilder-
ness (Spottsylvania Court House) on May 12, 1864, and
was taken immediately to Fort Delaware. In August or
September of that year, he, along with 599 other officers,
was taken South, under the retaliatory measures of the
North, and placed under Confederate fire on Morris Island
off the coast of Charleston, S.C. Later this squad was
removed to Hilton Head Island, S.C. Here they were fed
nothing but sour corn meal for six long weeks in the dead
of winter. In the late winter or early spring of 1865,
the survivors of the Immortal Six Hundred were taken back
to Fort Delaware. Alfred Edgar was held there until the
17th of June 1865.

He married Lydia McNeal on June 16, 1875. They spent
their married life at the brick house, Mt. airy, near
Hillsboro. He died in 1913. His wife died in 1919.

THE McNEAL FAMILY

John McNeal, the ancestor of the McNeals in Boca-
monts county, appears to have been the first to occupy
the Little Levels by permanent settlement. He was a
native of Frederick county, Virginia, but passed much of
his early life in Cumberland, Maryland. He seems to have
been athletic and in a pugilistic contest injured his
opponent so severely that the injuries were regarded as
fatal. He fled and spent a long time in the solitude of
the Alleghanies. He came in view of the Levels in 1765.
Here he built his cabin and braved over the billabong he
supposed to be on his hands. One day, while hunting, he
met Charles and Edward Kinnison from his old home. These
two gave him the good news that he had not killed nor
even seriously injured his boxing opponent.

He soon made a trip home and brought back as his bride
Martha Davis, who was born in Wales in 1740. Martha Davis
was a Calvinistic Methodist and brought to her mountain
home as part of her dowry, a Bible printed in Welsh - said
to be the first west of the Alleghanies.

In a few years the Dummore War started. John McNeal
went on the expedition to Point Pleasant. While absent,
a child was born and died before his return. Martha Davis
prepared the coffin and grave and buried her child. These
were the first burial rites at the McNeal graveyard.

John McNeal, upon his return from Point Pleasant, enlisted
in a company from Frederick county and served in the
Revolution.

He was a man of wonderful sincerity of character and
strength of purpose. He and his wife build the "White
Polo Church" - a Methodist church.
Isaac McNeal married Rachel McNeal. Paul was born in 1803
and went to live with his grandparents at an early age.
He was greatly influenced by his grandfather and was one
of the most widely known citizens of his day. He possessed
an ironbound chest, was for years a leading member

of the court, sheriff of the county, and was a member of the Virginia convention that passed the Ordinance of Secession. He was married to Rachel Cameron See from near Huttonsville.

THE MARWICK FAMILY

Lieutenant Marwick came to Augusta county from Williamsburg, Virginia, during colonial times - 1740-50. He was in the service of the British Crown and was employed in surveying and locating land grants in Roanoke county. He was one of the English gentry whose families settled in Virginia for political reasons. (See Thackeray's Virginians) He located and occupied the Dunmore property for his own use and married Elizabeth Dunlap, near Middlebrook. Some time later he returned to England and was not heard from again.

His son was Jacob Marwick. Jacob inherited his father's estate and married a Miss Vance from North Carolina. The children of this marriage were born at Dunmore. Jacob Marwick accumulated much land and cattle and horses. In addition to the Dunmore land there was a large tract on the Jackson's River and land at Clover Lick. It was at Clover Lick that the family finally settled building a large house that it might be used for preaching services. Mrs. Marwick was a pious woman who loved to entertain ministers. Her domestic discipline was rigid, but effective. She was tall, slender, blue-eyed, lithe and agile. She was also highly emotional and benevolent. Mrs. Marwick gathered the first Sabbath School ever taught in Roanoke County. This school was a continuous session of five hours and left her too exhausted to mount her horse without assistance. Four weeks before her death she received Communion and became so emotionally upset that she never recovered. She was buried at Clover Lick without any sort of services.

Jacob Marwick was an Indian fighter, although he was never sure of having killed but one Indian. His services were in frequent demand by land agents and surveyors because of his knowledge of the mountains. Upon one trip away from home he returned to find that an Indian raid had been made - the row of cabins had been burned, the premises ransacked, all feathers plucked from the chickens, and the wagon burned - the first wagon to have crossed the mountains.

He was in the expedition to Point Pleasant, probably in the company commanded by Captain Mathews. It is said that he played an important part in that battle.

One of the daughters of Jacob Marwick was Margaret who married John See of Huttonsville, Randolph county. John See was a well-known lawyer, an extensive landowner, an influential citizen and a ruling elder in his church. Who married his daughter, Rachel Cameron See

THE MATHEWS FAMILY

Sir Mathew ap Jevan of Llandaff married Janet, daughter of Sir Jonkyn Floring of Penolyno, and from these descend all those that bear the name of Mathew in any of its forms, i.e. Mathew, Mattow, Mathews, Matthews, Mathewson, Mattewson. His descendants were long deemed foudal barons, receiving summonses, as Barons, to attend the Sovereign with horses and arms on various occasions. Sir David Mathew of Llandaff, their odlest son, was one of the most distinguished men of his age, and was made Grand Standard Bearer of England by King Edward IV, whose life he is said to have saved - though he was far advanced in years - at the battle of Towton, on Palm Sunday, 1461. His tomb, ornamented with his full length figure in alabaster, in Mathews Chapel of the Llandaff Cathedral (which has ever since been the property of the Mathews family) is one of the most interesting extant monuments of that day. Sir David was the progenitor of various lines of Mathews.

Robert Mathew, second son of Sir Mathew ap Jevan, married Alice, heiress of Castell-y-Mynach, and Daughter of Jonkyn Thomas ap Evan David of Pont-y-Corred ap Llewelyn ychan ap Llewelyn ap Cynfrig, Lord of Llanthrithyd ap Howill ap Madoc, Lord of Ruthven, ap Jostyn.

Sir William Mathew, of Castell-y-Mynach, married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Gamage of Coyty.

Sir Robert Mathew, of Castell-y-Mynach, (said to be living in 1535 - if son quite advanced in age) married Alice, daughter and hoir of John Thomas ap Thomas of Pont-y-Corred ap Evan David ap Llewelyn ychan from Madoc ap Jostyn. Robert Mathew was also called of Fencoed and Llanthrithyd.

John Mathews (2nd son to above) married Eleanor Crofton of Ludlow.

Tobias Mathews, Fifty-sixth Archbishop of York, brought up at Christchurch, Oxford, D.D. Rose by perferment. First Archdeacon of Wolls; Riest of St. John's College, Oxford; Canon and Dean of Christchurch; Dean of Durham; and, lastly, Archbischop of York, September 11, 1606. Born 1546, Died 1623. Married Francis, daughter of William Barlow, the widow of a bishop and mother of two more bishops. She and Tobias had two daughters and three sons - Sir Tobias, John and Samuel Mathews, born 1592, died March 13, 1660.

Sent to the Colony of Virginia by King James, 1622. Was one of the five commissioners to examine conditions of Virginia, 1623. Liked it so well he remained. Was a member of the Colonial Council, 1624-1644; a Commissioner of Warwick River, 1631; elected governor of the colony by the House of Burgesses, December, 1656; deposed by same authority in 1658 and into lately re-elected; held office until his death. He was married first to the daughter of Sir Thomas Hinton, who was mother of his sons: second, to the widow of Abraham Jersey. His landed possessions were large, one of his plantations being called "Flous de Hundred"; and another "Mathews' Mor" and afterwards Denbigh. It was from the latter that the county seat of

Warwick county, Virginia took its name - it occupying the site of the plantation.

Samuel Mathews, eldest son, was Lieutenant Colonel of Militia in 1655 and a member of the Assembly from Warwick county in 1652. In 1655 he was a member of the Colonial Council.

John Mathews lived at Denbeigh. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Michael Taverner, of York county.

Samuel Mathews, a Captain of Colonial Militia, signs himself on a bond dated 1706 as of St. Stephen's Parish, King and Queen county. He married three times: first, Miss Braxton, mother of John; second, Katherine Dunstall, no issue; Margaret, whose son died without issue.

John Mathews left the eastern part of Virginia and settled between 1730 and 1737 in the District of West Augusta, now Rockbridge county, near the Natural Bridge in the fork of the James. He was elected a vestryman in 1746, along with his brother-in-law, John Archer. In 1742 he was in command of a company of Augusta County Militia. He was a Captain of the Militia during the French and Indian War and was in Braddock's Campaign. He married Anna Archer, daughter of Sampson Archer of Gilmore's Spring. Archer was also a Lieutenant in the French and Indian War.

Archer Mathews was the youngest son of Captain John Mathews. He moved to Greenbrier country about 1780, where he owned much land. In 1782 he was one of the trustees who formed the town of Lewisburg. He married Letitia McClanahan.

Anna Mathews, their second child, married Captain Thomas Edgar.

THE HOWE FAMILY

There are difficulties in the way of tracing this family to its English origin. Tradition has to be largely relied upon; and this, as presented by different branches of the family, differs as to the first of the family that crossed the Atlantic, and as to the first place of Settlement. One statement is that a Joseph Howe, belonging to a family of that name long domiciled in Massachusetts, enlisted and served as a soldier in the French and Indian War, in which he was supposed to have been lost. But, afterwards, he was found in the New River Valley, where later he added the letter "o" to the name. This information is taken from the "Howe Miss."

Joseph Howe, an English gentleman, first cousin of Lord Howe and General Wayne, came to America in 1737. On board the vessel that brought him over was a beautiful and captivating girl, Eleanor Dunbar. The two fell in love and married soon after landing and settled in Boston. They drifted southward and finally settled in the rugged regions of southwestern Virginia. They made their home on Back Creek in 1757 or 1758. This residence is still in the possession of the family in the person of Mrs. Anna Howe Doernette.

Colonel Howe was an officer in the Revolutionary War. He was a man of strong mind and high character. He married Nancy Haven. He was often on detached service in search of Tories. The history is italics that he was a son of Plum Crook was suspect. Major Howe was sent on several occasions to arrest him, but was unable. Finally, a pretty, black-eyed daughter of Haven, whose name was Nancy, caught the Major and became his wife. One of their ten children was Elizabeth, who married Colonel George Neely Fairis.

Nancy Fairis, daughter of Elizabeth and George Fairis, married Major Edgar.

THE FARRIS FAMILY

The ancestors of this family were Huguenots, who fled from France, stopping temporarily in Barbadoes, thence about 1710 to South Carolina. Here they located on an island about five miles from Port Royal, to which they gave the name "Farris Island." (Various spellings - Carris, Farris, Farris and Fairis.) The settler was Alexander Farris, who became a distinguished Gen.

Judge McGrady, in his History of South Carolina under the Proprietary Government, 1670-1719, gives considerable prominence to Col. Alexander Farris, who was Commissioner of Free Schools, Commissioner for Building Churches, Member of the House of Commons (Col. Wm. Rhett, Speaker), a military officer, one of the judges to try pirates, and commander of the militia in the Revolution of 1719. Col. Alexander Farris had a son, Alexander, who made some conveyance of property in 1722-26. Alexander Farris, Jr., had a son, John Alexander, who likewise had a son John Alexander, as shown by his will probated in August, 1752. The last mentioned John Alexander had a son Robert, who died about 1781. Robert's daughter Malinda married Samuel Pepper and moved to the New River valley before 1770 and located at the place where he later established Pepper's Ferry. George and Robert Alexander Farris, his brothers-in-law, went with him.

At that time there lived in that neighborhood a gentleman named Joseph Howe. Howe had some pretty daughters. Both George and Robert Alexander married Howes. Robert Alexander and his wife removed to the vicinity of Paris, Ky.

George Fairis remained in the vicinity of Pepper's Ferry until the spring of 1782. Before this he had been made a captain in one of the militia companies of Montgomery county.

On the advance of the British Army into the Carolinas in the fall of 1780, there was a very uprising in Surry county, North Carolina. The uprising was of such formidable proportions as to impel Gen. Martin Armstrong, commanding that military district, to call on Major Joseph Cloyd (Montgomery county militia) to aid in its suppression. About the first of October, 1780, Major Cloyd with three companies of mounted men - one under command of Capt. Geo. Fairis - marched to the State of North Carolina. Here they were joined by militia of that state, making a force of about 160 men.

with which he attacked the forces at Shallow Ford of the Yadkin on October 14, defeating them with a loss of 15 killed and a few wounded. Major Clloyd had one killed and several wounded. Among the wounded was Capt. Pearis, who had a severe shoulder wound. This fight cleared the way for the crossing of Gen. Green's army. Capt. Pearis returned home wounded. His wife died a few days after his return on November 14. Disabled from further service, Capt. Pearis removed in the spring of 1782 to his land on the New River. (This land had been purchased from Capt. Wm. Ingles about 1779 for seventy pounds sterling and contained 204 acres.) Here is now situated Pearisburg station. He later established a ferry, kept a small stock of goods and later an "ordinary". On October 5, 1784, he married Rebecca Clay, daughter of Mitchell Clay. One of their children was

Colonel George Neely Pearis who married Elizabeth Howe, daughter of Major Daniel Howe. One of their children was Nancy, who married Archer Edgar.

The elder George Pearis was long a magistrate of Montgomery and Giles counties; sat in the courts of both counties; and was, for a term, magistrate of Giles. The first court of the latter county was held in a house belonging to him. The land for the county buildings and town was given by him and from him Pearisburg took its name. He died November 4, 1810 and was buried on his farm, on the hill southwest of Pearisburg station.

There are some branches about which nothing is known now. These are the Davis family, the Archers, the Clays the Havens and the Dunbars.

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